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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Smallpox in Naco, Ariz., and in Mexico.

[Telegram.]

NACO, ARIZ., *February 23, 1902.*

WYMAN, *Washington, D. C.:* Twelve cases smallpox American side. Reported 40 or 50 cases in Mexico, immediate vicinity. Local authorities can handle at present, but if continues spreading will not be able to do so.

DOAN,
Collector Customs.

Smallpox in Mississippi County, Ark.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., *February 24, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I have received a letter from Dr. H. C. Dimavant, of Osceola, Mississippi County, Ark., dated February 18, 1902, from which I make the following extract:

"Smallpox still raging all over this county. There has been over 100 deaths and they are still going. Not a death with a vaccination scar so far as I can learn." * * *

Respectfully,

S. P. GIBSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Maine.

AUGUSTA, ME., *February 15, 1902.*

SIR: The number of cases of smallpox now in the State of Maine and the places at which they exist are as follows: Portland, 7; "Shiloh" (town of Durham), 7; Freeport, 1; Springvale Village (town of Sanford), 1. "Shiloh" is the main building of the "Holy Ghost and Us" church, of which the Rev. F. W. Sanford is the head. There are there between 250 and 300 persons, many of whom are missionaries and "Christian teachers" who are sent to all parts of the country. It has lately transpired that 1 case occurred there January 10, 2 more January 25 and January 26. The other cases were found February 11 and later. I found 2 new cases February 15. These cases from the first have all been confined in 1 separate building, "Bethesda." The whole colony is now quarantined for an indefinite period of time, or until the people there are vaccinated. I regret that they deem vaccination unnecessary.

Respectfully,

A. G. YOUNG,
Secretary State Board of Health.